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FREEZE-DRYING PRODUCTS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this application, applicants request amendment of the application as follows:

Please substitute the enclosed substitute specification. A second copy of the specification and abstract showing the insertions and deletions in underline and strikethrough is attached. The substitute specification contains no new matter.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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